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CONSTITUTION

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BY-LAWS

OF THE

Washington State Bar

ASSOCIATION.

ADOPTED

SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

Held in the City of Seattle, July 19 and 20,

1894.

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CONSTITUTION.

I.

NAME.

This Association shall be known as "THE WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION."

II.

OBJECTS.

The objects of this Association are to cultivate the science of jurisprudence, promote the administration of justice in this State, uphold and advance the standard of integrity, honor and courtesy in the legal profession, and to establish and cherish a spirit of brotherhood among its members.

III.

MEMBERSHIP.

All reputable members of the Bar of the State of Washington, who shall have been duly elected to membership and shall sign this Constitution, may become members of this Association by paying the sum prescribed as admission fee.

IV.

OFFICERS.

The officers of this Association shall consist of one President, a first, second and third Vice President, a Secretary and a Treasurer. The above named officers shall, *ex-officio*, compose an Executive Committee, whose duties shall be such as usually devolve upon such officers. The same person shall not be elected President two years in succession.

CONSTITUTION

V.

MEETINGS.

The annual meeting of this Association shall be held at 10 o'clock a. m. on ~~the third Wednesday~~ *such day* in July of each year, at such place as shall have been designated at the last preceding annual meeting.

Special meetings may be called at any time by the Executive Committee. At such special meetings no business shall be transacted except such as shall be specified in the notice thereof.

Notice of special meetings shall be given by the Secretary by publication in some newspaper and by written or printed notice sent to each member at least ten days before the time of meetings.

VI.

QUORUM.

Nine (9) members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of the business of the Association, and three members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum at meetings of the Committee.

VII.

ELECTIONS.

Elections of officers shall be by ballot at the annual meeting of the Association.

VIII.

FEES AND DUES.

The fee for admission to membership and the dues shall be such as may from time to time be prescribed by the By-laws.

IX.

TERMS OF OFFICE AND VACANCIES.

Officers of this Association shall hold their offices from the close of one annual meeting until the close of the succeeding annual meeting.

In case of a vacancy in any office, the same shall be filled by appointment by the Executive Committee. A

vacancy in the office of President, however, can only be
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The following committees shall be annually appointed by the President for the ensuing year, and shall consist of five members each: On Jurisprudence and Law Reform; on Judicial Administration and Remedial Procedure; on Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar; on Commercial Law; on Uniformity of State Laws; on Publications; on Grievances; and such other committees as he shall deem necessary for the transaction of the business of the Association.

A committee of three, of whom the Secretary shall always be one, shall likewise be appointed by the President at each annual meeting of the Association, whose duty it shall be to report to the next meeting any member who shall, in the interval, have died, with such notices as shall, in the discretion of the committee, be deemed proper.

XI.

AMENDMENTS.

This Constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of three-fourths of the members present at any annual meeting; but no change shall be made unless at least twelve members are present.

XII.

DISCIPLINE.

Any member of the Association may be suspended or expelled for misconduct in his relations to this Association or in his profession, on conviction thereof.

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BY-LAWS

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SECTION 1.

PRESIDING OFFICERS.

The President shall preside at meetings of the Association; in his absence, the senior Vice President attending shall preside. If none of these officers be present, a President *pro tempore* shall be chosen. The President shall open each annual meeting of the Association with an address.

SECTION 2.

SECRETARY.

The Secretary will keep a record of all meetings of the Association and of all other matters connected therewith of which a record shall be deemed advisable by the Association, and shall conduct the correspondence of the Association. He shall notify all officers and applicants for membership of their election, who are not present at such election; shall keep a roll of members, issue notices of all special meetings, receive all moneys due the Association and turn the same over to the Treasurer, taking his receipt therefor.

SECTION 3.

TREASURER.

The Treasurer shall keep all moneys of the Association and disburse the same only upon orders drawn upon him, signed by the President and attested by the Secretary. He shall, ~~if required by the Association~~, before entering upon the discharge of his duties as Treasurer, execute a bond with good and sufficient surety, to be approved by the President, payable to the President and his successors for the use of the Association in the sum of one thousand dol.

lars, conditioned that he will faithfully perform the duties of his office and surrender to his successor in office all moneys and other property of the Association which may be in his hands. He shall report in writing at each annual meeting of the Association, and to the Executive Committee whenever required by the President. His report shall contain a statement of his receipts and disbursements and the financial standing of the Association.

SECTION 4.

COMMITTEES.

The Executive Committee shall meet at the call of the President; shall exercise general supervision over the affairs of the Association *ad interim*, and make a full report of its transactions to the Association at its annual meetings. The Executive Committee shall also, at its first meeting, select not more than six members of the Association to read papers at the next annual meeting.

All other committees appointed by the President shall perform such duties as are required of such committees in deliberative bodies.

SECTION 5.

ELECTION OF MEMBERS.

Applicants may be admitted to membership by the Association or by the Executive Committee. The vote shall be by ballot. If balloted for by the Association, one negative vote in every four shall exclude the candidate; if by the Executive Committee, the vote must be unanimous in his favor or he cannot be admitted.

Applications for membership must be in writing, signed by the applicant, who must be recommended by at least one member of the Association, and shall be given or sent to the Secretary, who shall present the same to the Association, if in session; if not in session, then to the Executive Committee for its action thereon.

SECTION 6.

DISCIPLINE.

Amended

Whenever complaint is made against a member of the Association for misconduct in his relations to the Association, or in his profession, the member or members preferring such complaint shall present it to the President, in writing, subscribed by him or them, plainly stating the matters complained of, with particulars of time, place and circumstance. Upon receipt of such complaint the President shall refer it to a committee of three members, to be appointed by him, or to the committee on grievances if such committee shall then be existence. The committee to whom it shall have been referred shall, without delay, cause to be served upon the accused a copy of the complaint and a notice to appear within ten days and answer the same. Upon answer made, or after the expiration of the time given therefor, the committee shall appoint a time and place of trial and notify the accused thereof. The committee shall have power to summon witnesses to give testimony before it. A member of the Association being so summoned shall, if he refuse to appear and give testimony, be liable to be proceeded against for misconduct and be tried therefor as herein provided. The committee shall try the case according to the rules of evidence in civil cases. At the conclusion of the trial the committee shall make findings of fact and render its decision thereon. If the accused be found guilty, the committee shall fix the penalty for the offense, and for this purpose shall have power to render judgment of temporary or indefinite suspension from membership in the Association against him, or of expulsion from the Association. Such judgment of suspension or expulsion shall go into effect at the expiration of ten days from the rendition thereof, unless meanwhile the accused shall have taken an appeal therefrom to the Association at its next annual or adjourned meeting. If the decision be in favor of the accused, and judgment of acquittal is entered, the complaining witness or witnesses

shall also have the right to appeal within such ten days to the Association as aforesaid.

The substance of the evidence taken at the trial shall be reduced to writing, by the committee. The decision and judgment of the committee, with the evidence and findings, shall be forwarded to the Secretary of the Association, who shall report the same to the Association at its next annual or adjourned meeting. If the judgment of the committee be appealed from, the case shall be tried *de novo* by the Association upon the record before it; provided, however, that if the Association shall be of the opinion that the trial committee improperly admitted testimony, it may by a majority vote, disregard such testimony, and it may, by a like vote, hear evidence improperly rejected and excluded by the committee, for which purpose it may exercise the powers herein granted to the trial committee. The Association may modify, affirm, or reverse any decision or judgment of the trial committee, provided, however, that a vote of three-fourths of the members of the Association present shall be necessary to affirm a judgment of expulsion.

SECTION 7.

FEES AND DUES.

The fee for admission to membership in this Association shall be five dollars, which shall include dues for the ensuing year. Each member shall pay one dollar per year

"Any member of this Association who becomes indebted for dues in the sum of \$5 or more shall receive written notice from the Secretary of his indebtedness, and in case such indebtedness is not paid within thirty days thereafter such member shall be dropped from the roll of membership."—Adopted July 22, 1898.

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SECTION 8.

DELEGATES.

There shall be chosen, at each annual meeting, three members as delegates to the next ensuing convention of the American Bar Association.

SECTION 9.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

At each annual or adjourned meeting of the Association, the order of business shall be as follows:

1. Reading record of preceding meeting.
2. Address of President.
3. Reports of Officers.
4. Report of Executive Committee.
5. Elections to membership.
6. Reports of Standing Committees.
7. Reports of Special Committees.
8. Miscellaneous Business.
9. Election of Officers and appointment of Committees.

This order of business may be changed at any meeting by a vote of a majority of the members present.

The Parliamentary Rules and Orders contained in Cushing's Manual, except as otherwise herein provided, shall govern all meetings of this Association.

SECTION 10.

No person shall speak more than ten minutes at a time, nor more than twice on one subject, except by permission of the Association.

SECTION 11.

A stenographer shall be employed at each annual meeting. All papers read before the Association shall be lodged with the Secretary. The annual address of the President, reports of committees, and all the proceedings of the annual meeting, shall be printed; but no other address made, or paper read, shall be printed, except by order of the committee on Publications, or upon vote of the annual meeting.

SECTION 12.

No resolution complimentary to an officer or member of the Association for any service performed, address delivered, or paper read, shall be considered by the Association.

SECTION 13.

AMENDMENTS.

These By-Laws may be amended at any annual or adjourned meeting of the Association by a majority vote of those present.

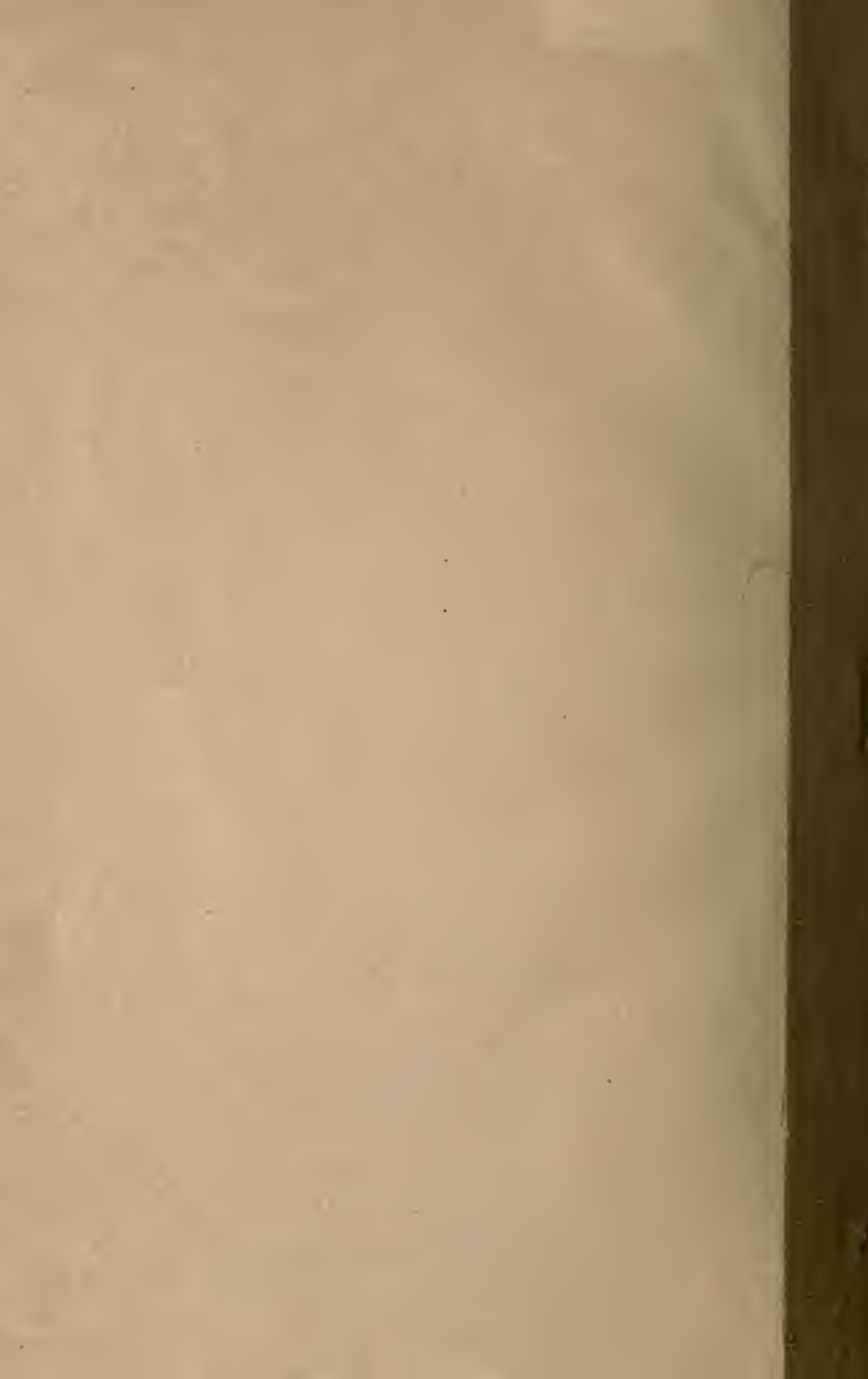
Adopted at the meeting of the Bar Association by the Association this 19th day of July, 1894.

JOHN ARTHUR,
President.

Attest:

NATHAN S. PORTER,
Secretary.





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